

11.12.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Veterans Home Families & Friends:

Changes were made to federal visitation guidance in nursing homes today. The guidance states that visitation can be open at all times, regardless of COVID-19 outbreak status or if there are identified COVID-19 cases at the nursing home.

<u>Please know that visitors continued to be not welcomed in if: the visitor has COVID-19; has symptoms of COVID-19; or meets the criteria for quarantining.</u>

All visitors and members must continue to wear masks during visits. This is because our county and region still have a high transmission rate of COVID-19.

We expect guests go directly to the member's room to visit in order to keep all 72 members safe. However, with the new guidance, members may have more than 2 visitors at a time. Everyone must wear masks during visits.

Household A is still in a respiratory outbreak that is not related to COVID-19. Therefore, Household A still cannot have visitors at this time, unless pre-approved for compassionate care. But if you would like to visit your loved one in household A, please call us at 715-720-6775 to discuss options and expectations.

We will continue to frequently test members and team members to quickly identify any additional cases. Then next testing date will be Monday, November 15^{th.}

Lastly, we will be hosting our COVID-19 Booster clinic on Monday, November 15th. We will be going around to all member rooms to give them their boosters on Monday morning, if they/POAHC have consented to the booster.

Families should arrive anytime between 10:00am-4:00pm at the Veterans Home for their boosters, if you would like one. You must have proof of your previous COVID vaccination(s), so please bring your COVID vaccine card or any other proof of COVID vaccination. Please be prepared to sign in at the kiosk, sign your consent, receive your shot, then wait for 15 minutes before leaving the vaccination area. You do not need to bring your insurance cards or forms of ID, as previously thought.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at 715-720-6775 or email <u>veterans.home-cf@dva.wi.gov</u>.

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